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OVER EAST TIMOR

REF: JAKARTA 11540

1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR INFORMS US THAT HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY HIS GOVERNMENT TO ACCOMPANY FONMIN MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA ON THE PLANNED SEPTEMBER 6-8 TRIP TO EAST TIMOR. JAPANESE EMBOFFS HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED TO US THAT THIS WILL CONSTITUTE DE FACTO RECOGNITION OF INDONESIAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER EAST TIMOR. THE JAPANESE HAVE APPARENTLY NOT DECIDED WHETHER THIS CHANGE OF POLICY WOULD ALSO BE SIGNALED BY AN ANNOUNCEMENT. THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IS ASKING THE FONDEP TO ALLOW THEIR LANGUAGE OFFICER TO ACCOMPANY THE AMBASSADOR ON THE GROUNDS THAT A FULL REPORT ON THE TRIP WOULD GIVE WEIGHT TO ANY RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE THE JAPANESE POSITION AT UNGA. CONFIDENTIAL

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2. THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TELLS US THAT HIS VISIT WILL ALSO SIGNAL DE FACTO RECOGNITION OF EAST TIMOR'S INTEGRATION INTO INDONESIA. THE CANADIANS APPARENTLY PLAN NO ANNOUNCEMENT.

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